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> AMENDMENT AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 312

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In the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner set forth an amendment to claim 20, line 9 in that after "position", —and then return to the first position" was inserted. With this amended wording, it is not clear whether the movable strap carrier still carries the strapping when returning to the first position (which, according to the invention, it does not).

In order to provide clarification of the above, please amend claims 20, line 9, by changing the Examiner's use of "return" to returns so that the insert reads –and then returns to the first position—.

This above amendment by applicant was not made earlier because applicant only became aware of the need for such amendment (for the reason set forth hereinbefore) after the interview with the Examiner on February 14, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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